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Reply to
Attn of: OWW-191

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Mr. John Cardwell
Regional Administrator
Lewiston Regional Office
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
1118 "F" Street
Lewiston, ID 83501

Re: Request for Preliminary Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification of NPDES Draft Permit for City of Lewiston Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4), NPDES Permit No. IDS028061

Dear Mr. Cardwell:

Enclosed is a preliminary draft of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit plus a fact sheet for the City of Lewiston MS4. We are asking for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) to review and provide a preliminary Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification for this permit action.

We intend to issue this permit by mid-November. To meet this schedule, we are asking for your review within 30 days. We look forward to receiving your preliminary certification by October 30, 2018. If we receive the certification prior to public notice of the permit, we will include a reference to the State's certification in the public notice along with a copy of the certification in the fact sheet. The public notice of the permit may also fulfill the IDEQ's public notice requirements for certification under CWA Section 401(a)(1).

Since this preliminary draft is not intended for review outside of IDEQ, we appreciate your discretion in retaining it within the department. Please keep us up-to-date about the status of your review. If you have any questions, please contact Misha Vakoc at 206-553-6650 or 1-800-424-4372 ext. 3-6650, or Vakoc.misha@epa.gov. We look forward to your comments on this draft permit.

Sincerely,


Michael J. Lidgard, Manager
NPDES Permits Unit

Enclosures

cc: Sujata Connell, IDEQ Lewiston Regional Office (via email)
Loren Moore, IDEQ (via email)